GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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Shortage of Pilots in IAF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force (IAF) is having shortage of pilots for its fighter planes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether IAF already had allowed pilots who were earlier declared unfit to fly fighter planes;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to include all experienced pilots for the fighter planes of IAF irrespective of medical conditions of the pilots and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has any plan to generate a new cadre of pilots for IAF by introducing higher packages for new and young entrants instead of reinstating physically doubtful pilots and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) No, Madam. The available strength of pilots in Air Force is sufficient to meet the current operational requirements of the Indian Air Force (IAF).

(b) to (d): Pilots who are Temporarily or permanently medically unfit are not permitted to fly any aircraft including fighter planes.

(e) There is no plan to generate a new cadre of pilots for IAF.
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